

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. – 3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented): An apparatus comprising:

(A) an image sensing unit that senses an object image; and

(B) an exposure controller that performs exposure control for photographing by selectively using a first exposure control mode in which an exposure value for photographing is determined while exposure control is performed in accordance with the brightness of object images repetitively sensed by said image sensing unit, and a second exposure control mode in which an exposure value for photographing is determined by performing exposure control by using a plurality of preset exposure values,

wherein on the basis of whether an exposure correction value obtained in the first exposure control mode is smaller than a predetermined value, said exposure controller determines whether to perform the exposure control for photographing by using the exposure value determined in the first exposure control mode or by using the exposure value determined in the second exposure control mode,

wherein if the exposure correction value obtained in the first exposure control mode is smaller than the predetermined value, said exposure controller performs the exposure control for

photographing by using the exposure value determined in the first exposure control mode, and, if the exposure correction value obtained in the first exposure control mode is larger than the predetermined value, said exposure controller performs the exposure control for photographing by using the exposure value determined in the second exposure control mode.

5. (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising:

(A) an image sensing unit that senses an object image; and

(B) an exposure controller that performs exposure control for photographing by selectively using a first exposure control mode in which an exposure value for photographing is determined while exposure control is performed in accordance with the brightness of object images repetitively sensed by said image sensing unit, and a second exposure control mode in which an exposure value for photographing is determined by performing exposure control by using a plurality of preset exposure values, wherein on the basis of whether an absolute value of an exposure correction value obtained in the first exposure control mode is smaller than a predetermined value, said exposure controller determines whether to perform the exposure control for photographing by using the exposure value determined in the first exposure control mode or by using the exposure value determined in the second exposure control mode.

6. (Original): The apparatus according to claim 5, wherein if the absolute value of the exposure correction value obtained in the first exposure control mode is smaller than the predetermined value, said exposure controller performs the exposure control for photographing by using the exposure value determined in the first exposure control mode, and, if the absolute

value of the exposure correction value obtained in the first exposure control mode is larger than the predetermined value, said exposure controller performs the exposure control for photographing by using the exposure value determined in the second exposure control mode.

7. – 12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented): An exposure control method comprising:

(A) the image sensing step of sensing an object image; and

(B) the exposure control step of performing the exposure control for photographing by selectively using a first exposure control mode in which an exposure value for photographing is determined while exposure control is performed in accordance with the brightness of object images repetitively sensed in the image sensing step, and a second exposure control mode in which an exposure value for photographing is determined by performing exposure control by using a plurality of preset exposure values,

wherein on the basis of whether an exposure correction value obtained in the first exposure control mode is smaller than a predetermined value, the exposure control step comprises determining whether to perform the exposure control for photographing by using the exposure value determined in the first exposure control mode or by using the exposure value determined in the second exposure control mode,

wherein if the exposure correction value obtained in the first exposure control mode is smaller than the predetermined value, the exposure control step comprises performing the exposure control for photographing by using the exposure value determined in the first exposure

control mode, and, if the exposure correction value obtained in the first exposure control mode is larger than the predetermined value, the exposure control step comprise performing the exposure control for photographing by using the exposure value determined in the second exposure control mode.

14. (Previously Presented): An exposure control method comprising:

(A) the image sensing step of sensing an object image; and

(B) the exposure control step of performing the exposure control for photographing by selectively using a first exposure control mode in which an exposure value for photographing is determined while exposure control is performed in accordance with the brightness of object images repetitively sensed in the image sensing step, and a second exposure control mode in which an exposure value for photographing is determined by performing exposure control by using a plurality of preset exposure values, wherein on the basis of whether an absolute value of an exposure correction value obtained in the first exposure control mode is smaller than a predetermined value, the exposure control step comprises determining whether to perform the exposure control for photographing by using the exposure value determined in the first exposure control mode or by using the exposure value determined in the second exposure control mode.

15. (Original): The method according to claim 14, wherein if the absolute value of the exposure correction value obtained in the first exposure control mode is smaller than the predetermined value, the exposure control step comprise performing the exposure control for photographing by using the exposure value determined in the first exposure control mode, and, if

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the absolute value of the exposure correction value obtained in the first exposure control mode is larger than the predetermined value, the exposure control step comprises performing the exposure control for photographing by using the exposure value determined in the second exposure control mode.

16. – 18. (Canceled)